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Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Re: Petition for advancement of the 10/605409 application.

Dear Director of USPTO,

In accordance of 37 CFR Section 1.102 (c), we are petitioning to advance the examination of application 10/605409 entitled, Toes and Callus Cleaner.

We have discussed the status of the application with Ronald Chin who is the examiner handling our case. He recommended that we file a petition for advancement given that this particular case is straightforward for him to examine and that there are 143 cases ahead at the time of this writing.

My client is very eager to have this application examined as soon as possible. For this type of invention, he feels it is necessary to have the application issued before he can enter into licensing agreements. At this stage, the applicant has been negotiating with potential licensees and based on these discussions, the applicant has concluded that the issuance is a necessary step before marketing.

This device is designed to improve the sanitation of human contact in areas where the incidence from exposure to transmitted disease is high. This device is designed so that it can be put in areas where there are large groups of people such as pools, beaches, showers and locker rooms. The applicant contends that this device will significantly improve the hygiene of these places.

The application was filed September 29, 2003. The device has undergone significant testing and is ready to go to market. Since the applicant considers issuance the last significant obstacle, we are filing this petition.

Attached is the petition filing fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h) and pre-examination search report pursuant to MPEP 708.02 section VIII.

Sincerely,

Richard Rouse, Patent Agent

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